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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

My husband and I support broadband competition. We chose Sonic as our provider because they had better service and a very competitive rate. As seniors on a fixed income, we need to have access to an assortment of suppliers so we can find something that fits our budget and provides the services we need. My husband is a disabled veteran and has to use the internet for ordering his prescriptions from the VA and scheduling his appointments and having access to affordable broadband is critical to his health. If you grant the petition submitted by USTelecom you will effectively be cutting out competition and allowing the big carriers to raise prices on us. This is so unfair and really screws those of us who can't afford the kind of price hikes that will come. Their petition claims that because there are no carriers who use unbundled copper and inter-city fiber transport elements (UNEs) to compete in the residential marketplace and is simply NOT true. This is an outrageous claim.

Please do not grant the dismantling of key components of the 1996 Telecommunications Act and save us!

Best regards,

Mary Lou Molinaro